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NEW: Cornyn to serve on Senate Judiciary Committee

By Gary Martin

Express-News Washington Bureau

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WASHINGTON — Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, was named today to the Judiciary Committee, one of four committee assignments for the state's junior senator.

Cornyn also will serve on the Environment and Public Works Committee, the Budget Committee and the Armed Services Committee.

All of the assignments “provide immediate opportunities to promote issues, projects and legislative action to benefit the people of Texas and the nation,” said Cornyn, a former Texas Supreme Court justice and Texas attorney general.

The Judiciary Committee is responsible for the confirmation of presidential appointees to federal courts and U.S. Supreme Court vacancies.

Democrats on the panel blocked the confirmation of several judicial nominees in the last congressional session, accusing President Bush of trying to pack the courts with conservative judicial activists.

The Judiciary Committee's rejection of Texas Supreme Court Justice Priscilla Owen, tapped by Bush for a seat on the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, became an issue in the Senate race between Cornyn and former Dallas Mayor Ron Kirk, a Democrat.

After the Nov. 5 election, Bush vowed to push the Owen nomination before the Republican-controlled Senate.

Cornyn strongly supports the Owen nomination. He said his seat on the committee will help ensure “a solid federal judiciary made up of men and women who interpret the law, rather than legislate from the bench.”

Meanwhile, the Environment and Public Works Committee will craft a reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, a major bill that includes billions in highway funding for projects nationwide.

Cornyn said Texas desperately needs the transportation funds that TEA-21 would provide to “remain a leader in trade with other states and nations.”

San Antonio leaders applauded the selection of Cornyn for the Armed Services panel.

Federal military spending in San Antonio, with four major installations and two military medical centers, is estimated at more than \$3 billion annually.

San Antonio leaders also are casting a wary eye at another round of base closures in 2005.

The Pentagon has said that every base will be evaluated for potential closure as it moves toward a final round that could eliminate as many as 100 more facilities.

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Closure rounds in 1988, 1991, 1993 and 1995 shut down 97 major installations and more than 200 smaller facilities for savings of \$16.7 billion in operating expenses.

The closures also are expected to produce \$6.6 billion in recurring savings each year for the next decade.

Kelly AFB in San Antonio, singled out in the 1995 round, was closed last year with a loss of 10,912 military and civilian jobs.

Other San Antonio installations that would face scrutiny are: Brooks AFB, Randolph AFB, Lackland AFB, Wilford Hall Medical Center, Brooke Army Medical Center, and Fort Sam Houston and its training facilities at Camp Bullis.



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NEW: 10,000 Army Reserve troops placed on alert

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In all, 275 Army Reserve units were given an "alert order" in the days after Christmas, Army Reserve Command spokesman Steve Stromvall said. No units have yet to be deployed, said Stromvall, who stressed that they may not be mobilized.

Still, the units put on alert status include military intelligence, military police, medical specialists, civil affairs and psychological operations, areas in short supply in the active-duty force and typically called to action before a major operation, a former high-level defense official said.

"The (alert) order is the kind of thing that we have seen in Kosovo and earlier in Bosnia," said F. Whitten Peters, who was secretary of the Air Force under President Clinton. "Units like psy-ops are the kinds of specialties in the Reserves that always are needed any time when a major action's going to be conducted, so it seems to be a standard ramp-up."

Pentagon officials said little about the action, which came amid a flurry of military activity that appeared directed toward the Persian Gulf. In recent days thousands of military personnel have been called to duty, among them B-1 Lancer bomber crews, a pair of aircraft carriers and a hospital ship, the USNS Comfort. Altogether, up to 50,000 U.S. troops could be in the region by early February.

Days ago, however, President Bush told troops at Fort Hood that they could become players in future missions.

But as the day ended, it was business as usual at the sprawling Central Texas post, home to 42,000 troops with the 1st Cavalry Division, 4th Infantry Division and 13th Corps Support Command. No tanks or heavy machinery had been moved off the post to the Texas Gulf Coast, an expected first step for a major deployment.

So far, 53,816 National Guard and Reserve troops have been mobilized, with more expected to come. The Texas National Guard's top commander, Army Maj. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, said about 80 of his troops were recently alerted to be ready for action but have not yet been called up. He added that more could be called to duty if the Persian Gulf heats up.

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The 20,000-strong Texas Guard already is in the process of bringing up 500 troops who are to be among 9,000 nationwide providing security at Air Force bases.

Marty said his troops should be at their stations by month's end. Some of them will serve at 13 Air Education and Training Command bases, including Randolph and Lackland AFBs in San Antonio, AETC spokesman Dave Smith said.

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While Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Dan Stoneking said the Defense Department doesn't discuss alert notifications "because so often they don't come to fruition," the Reserve Command's Stromvall downplayed the order. He said there was no "specific destination" in the order.

"What we're calling this is a prudent planning step," Stromvall said. "It means that the likelihood has gone up and they should start doing the things that they need to do, but it definitely does not mean that everybody on that list will go."

Former Army Secretary Louis Caldera, though, shared Peters' belief that the order is a harbinger, considering previous such call-ups.

As the smaller active-duty force gears up for war, the Pentagon must turn to reservists to fill its needs, he said, adding that the order will impact the public as well as the troops.

"I think part of what this will do is make much more real for many people the possibility that there will be a military action," he said. "The discussions have been there, but it hasn't been really brought home."



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Ideas make money for base employee

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.-- It doesn't make sense to do it that way; but that's how it's always been done. Who am I to make any changes?

Ray Chambers, a KC-135 aircraft mechanic said he's heard people say similar words over the six years he's been working here.

"People don't know how rewarding it can be to watch an idea of yours be implemented Air Force wide," he said.

But Mr. Chambers knows what it's like. Flipping through the technical order manual, he came across one of his revisions. So far, the Air Force has adopted eight of 11 recommendations he has submitted through the IDEA program. He was awarded \$2,342 Nov. 8 for his most recent idea that will save the Air Force more than \$32,000 a year.

The KC-135's air ejector valve under the keel beam bay door was being

gauged by a piece of the bay door called a stiffener. The stiffener, designed to keep contents inside the door from shifting in flight, was pinching the valve, leaving gashes when the keel beam bay door was attached to the aircraft. Nearly every six months during the plane's semi-annual maintenance inspection, the air ejector valve was being thrown away.

"Even though the valve was considered a throw away item, it didn't make much sense to me to be throwing out this valve worth \$5,500 every six months," said Mr. Chambers.

His original idea was to fix the valve damage with a weld. "The weld fixed the valve, but it didn't fix the problem.

The scar from the weld would make the valve stick out even more, and the stiffener would gauge the valve even more severe," he said.

Mr. Chamber's final

solution was to adjust the stiffener to give it enough clearance around the valve and prevent it from touching.

In calculating how much money cutting the stiffener could save, he said you have to add the man hours it would take to make the changes. After sending his results through his supervisors, his idea was approved.

"Sometimes the process can be slow and painstaking. There can be a lot of factors to add into the IDEA equation," he said.

"Fortunately, my supervisor, Wade Cobb, supported my efforts 100 percent, and was proactive getting my idea submitted to headquarters.

"Overall job efficiency is most important to me, but it is also nice to receive some recognition and extra money."

So far, 15 KC-135 keel beam doors have been adjusted at Altus AFB.

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Joe Foss was hero in every way

Our stand: He stands as a monument to Americana

Joe Foss, a man for whom the word "hero" was tailor-made, died New Year's Day in Scottsdale.

An American of indomitable spirit and vigor, Foss never stopped serving until infirmity finally caught up to him at age 87. His history of service, leadership and advocacy for causes he deemed just is in every sense Jeffersonian. It stands as a monument to Americana.

During World War II, President Roosevelt personally awarded Foss the Medal of Honor for bravery in the air over Guadalcanal, where he shot down at least 26 enemy planes.

He served as governor of South Dakota, as the first commissioner of the American Football League and as president of the National Rifle Association from 1988 to 1990, a period in which the right to bear arms had become one of the nation's most hotly debated issues.

As with most views Joe Foss held, there was little question as to where he stood regarding gun rights: "I say all guns are good guns. There are no bad guns. I say the whole nation should be an armed nation. Period."

In an age in which the concept of a "rugged outdoorsman" did not rankle the sensibilities of environmentalists and animal-rights activists quite so much as now, Foss regularly indulged his passion for hunting and fishing on ABC-TV's *The American Sportsman* and, later, *The Outdoorsman: Joe Foss*.

War hero ... political leader ... sportsman. With all due respect to the memory of John Wayne, Foss lived the lives Wayne portrayed on film. He was the real, proud, cigar-chomping, wholly unapologetic, all-American deal.



Associated Press file photos

In a 1943 photo, Joe Foss (fourth from left) is shown with members of Joe's Flying Circus, his Marine unit in World War II.



Republic file photos

Joe Foss displays his Medal of Honor (above). Foss, who served as the first commissioner of the old AFL, talks football (left) before Tempe's Super Bowl in 1996.

It is fair to wonder whether America ever again will produce the likes of Joe Foss, whose aura of individuality and, yes, manliness seems arcane today.

But heroes are born not of desire or demeanor, but of neces-

sity. As divided as Americans may be today regarding many of the positions Foss unambiguously cherished, we instinctively value his firmness of principle that gave them birth.

Joe Foss may have been born in South Dakota, but he was a true Arizonan at the end.

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Luke compatibility plan scrutinized

by **Darryl Henning**
associate editor

The Community Planning Office of the Arizona Department of Commerce has been working overtime the past few weeks putting finishing touches on strategies compiled for the preservation of Luke Air Force Base while protecting the rights of property owners and West Valley communities.

The strategies were compiled as part of the nearly year-long Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project. They were contained in a 120-page document called the "Western Maricopa County/Luke Air Force Base Draft Regional Compatibility Plan."

It followed the release of that plan with a Dec. 14 public open house at Countryside Elementary School in Surprise to display the plan's conclusions and gather public input about them. Then last week, it conducted three days of intensive stakeholders meetings for West Valley political jurisdictions and their decision-makers and staff members, agricultural landowners, homebuilders and developers, business community representatives and Luke AFB personnel.

The plan is the first component of a statewide effort to identify permanent resolutions to land use compatibility issues around the state's military installations, said Deb Sydenham, director of ADOC's Community Planning Office.

"Our intent is to maximize mission flexibility for Luke, but account for the desires of landowners and municipal jurisdictions," Sydenham said.

The draft plan creates "Land Use Compatibility Areas," considering safety, noise and security around Luke in conjunction with the characteristics and location of both existing and proposed development around the base. The nature, size and density of development all were considered.

"The simplest solution for protecting the mission flexibility of Luke AFB is to avoid concentrations of people living, working or recreating within the areas influence by the operations of the base ..." Sydenham said, quoting from the plan.

Suggested implementation strategies for development control include designating land as passive open space and calling for agricultural uses that won't attract birds or animals into the path of aircraft; defining "land use compatibility areas;" encouraging municipalities to adopt and enforce zoning ordinances that restrict land uses in overflight areas; and even a moratorium on new home construction near the base.

Stakeholder meetings

A series of stakeholder meetings were held in the morning, afternoon and even one evening session Dec. 16, 17 and 18. ADOC project personnel met separately

with homebuilders and developers; agricultural landowners; agency decision-makers and staff members of political jurisdictions; representatives from the business community; and Luke AFB personnel over the three days to discuss the draft plan and receive feedback on it.

"We're approaching the meetings with open minds," Andy Hauge, project manager for Parsons Corp., the consulting company working with ADOC on the project, said at the Dec. 14 open house. "All the options we came up with in the study — including shutting Luke down if that's what a majority of the interested parties really want — are on the table. We just want to hear how people feel about the options before more time and money are spent trying to preserve Luke or other military installations from encroachment."

Based on an executive summary of the meetings the View received from ADOC last week, those goals were successfully achieved.

"The recent open house and interest group meetings resulted in four days of project filtration to determine those strategies that are feasible, strategies requiring modification, potential new strategies and those that must be eliminated," the ADOC e-mail said. "Dialogue was open, frank and productive. The process was successful — clear areas of consent from varying stakeholders became apparent and areas requiring further consideration were identified."

Among some of the plan provisions recommended for removal because of the stakeholder meetings:

- The moratorium on new home construction;
- Establishment of a Joint Regional Powers Authority;
- Modification of flight approaches at Luke from the north.

- Returning to flight patterns used before summer 2001.
- Moving the Air National Guard from the former Williams AFB in Mesa to Luke AFB.

- Moving Luke's military mission.
- Redevelopment of Luke AFB as a joint use facility.

ADOC will fine-tune the draft plan using the information gathered from the past two weeks' meetings, Sydenham confirmed.

Additional comments regarding the Draft Regional Compatibility Plan can be submitted until 5 p.m. Jan. 27, 2003. They can be sent by e-mail to amarcp.parsons@parsons.com or by standard mail to PARSONS, c/o Tracey Ferguson, 2233 Watt Avenue, Suite 330, Sacramento, CA 95825.

For more information on the Arizona Military Regional Compatibility Project and its draft Western Maricopa County/Luke Air Force Base Draft Regional Compatibility Plan, visit www.azcommerce.com on the Internet.

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Sun Citians hail Medal of Honor winner Foss, dead at 87

STAFF AND WIRE REPORT

Joe Foss, a World War II Medal of Honor-winning fighter pilot who served as governor of South Dakota and became the influential first commissioner of the American Football League, has died. He was 87.

Foss died about 1:45 p.m. Wednesday in a Scottsdale hospice after suffering a stroke in October.

"We know he's gone to God, but it's just such a big loss," said H. Dean Hall, Foss' stepson, who lives in Scottsdale.

As a World War II Marine Corps fighter pilot based on Guadalcanal, the former South Dakota farm boy shot down 26 enemy planes from

October 1942 to January 1943, becoming the first pilot to match the record of World War I ace Eddie Rickenbacker.

Dubbed "the American ace of aces" by newscaster Lowell Thomas, Foss received the Medal of Honor "for aerial combat achievement unsurpassed in this war" from President Franklin D. Roosevelt in a White House ceremony in 1943.

"He was just such a great American," said Lloyd Kilmer of Sun City West, commander of the Northwest Valley Veterans Association. "It is sad to see him go."

Kilmer befriended Foss about two years ago when he invited him to speak at a Veterans Day ceremony at Sunland Memorial Park in Sun City.

"We were both included in Tom Brokaw's book, 'The Greatest Generation,' and we got to know each other when he came out here to speak," Kilmer said. "It was an honor to have him out. But the average age of World War II veterans is now 82. Yes, we are dying off — it's happening with increased regularity."

Frank LaRussa, a World War II veteran in Sun City, said Foss was a hero for every man, woman and child.

"I think what he did was extraordinary," he said. "He came from the ordinary and showed what hard work, dedication and honor can bring you. He was a hero."

Foss appeared on the cover of Life

magazine, toured the nation making personal appearances and later received a Hollywood offer to have John Wayne portray him on the big screen.

"He was indeed a hero," said David Hallstrom of Paradise Valley, who met Foss as the commander of the South Dakota National Guard in the 1940s, and continued a friendship until Foss fell into a coma in October.

Hallstrom said it's not surprising that Foss, whose death was expected weeks ago, remained alive as long as he did.

"He was a tough old bird,"

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FOSS: Vet served as South Dakota governor, 1st AFL commissioner

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Hallstrom said. "He was a fighting man with the Marines and for our country. And we don't have many people willing to stand up and fight for our country like that anymore." World War II was only the beginning of public life for the cigar-chewing, seemingly fearless Foss. After the war, Foss, a Republican, served two terms in the South Dakota Legislature and, beginning in 1955, four years as governor.

In 1959 — after losing a run for the U.S. House of Representatives against another South Dakota war-hero pilot, George McGovern — he became the first commissioner of the then-new American Football League, overseeing the bumpy beginnings of the upstart rival to the firmly entrenched National Football League.

An avid hunter and fisherman, Foss hosted ABC-TV's "The American Sportsman" from 1964 to 1967 and produced and hosted the syndicated TV series "The Outdoorsman: Joe Foss" from 1967 to 1974.

A staunch supporter and member of the National Rifle Association, he served as the group's president from 1988 to 1990, proudly appearing on the cover of Time magazine wearing a black Stetson and clutching a six-gun to his chest.

In 2001, Foss established the Foss Institute, a Scottsdale-based, nonprofit organization designed to instill an understanding of

freedom, its cost and patriotism in school-age children.

"He was truly a great man," said NBC News anchor Tom Brokaw, who became a friend of Foss in the mid-1950s.

Hall said his stepfather was both a role model and mentor in life. To him, Foss's most memorable legacy was not his courage or patriotism, but his boldness in proclaiming his Christian faith wherever he was speaking.

"I could see a hero like this boldly stepping forward and speaking for the Lord," Hall said.

Born on a farm near Sioux Falls, S.D., on April 17, 1915, Foss' father taught him to hunt as a boy, and they both shared a passion for the airplanes they spotted flying above their farm. When Foss was 12, his father took him to the local airfield to see the touring Charles Lindbergh and his Spirit of St. Louis shortly after Lindbergh made his historic solo flight to Paris in 1927.

Foss already had his pilot's license in 1940 when he graduated with a degree in business administration from the University of South Dakota and enlisted in the Marine Corps' aviation program. He earned his wings in March 1941.

After serving as a flight instructor at Pensacola, Fla., he shipped out for Guadalcanal in late August 1942 as the executive officer of a squadron of Marine Wildcat fighter planes.

Foss' unit became known as the Flying Circus.

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TriWest posts reward in ID theft

GARY GRADO
DAILY NEWS-SUN

Federal authorities fear the theft of personal information belonging to half a million people, stolen from a Phoenix company two weeks ago, could turn into one of the largest identity-theft cases ever.

The company, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, on Tuesday offered a \$100,000 reward to help catch thieves responsible for the break-in, during which private information on active and retired military personnel was

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\$100,000: Reward is for information leading to an arrest and conviction

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stolen.

TriWest President and CEO David McIntyre Jr. said he hopes the reward will compel the thieves to return the computer equipment stolen and information it contains because their misuse "would pose a huge burden on our nation's military." Authorities said there was no immediate evidence stolen information yet had been misused.

"Knowing that they may not come forward, I am hopeful that the \$100,000 reward that we at TriWest are posting today will encourage anyone that might know something to come forward and

inform the authorities about the people responsible for this crime and the location of the stolen information," McIntyre said.

Authorities said the names, Social Security numbers, addresses, medical-claims histories and other private information of 500,000 people — 100,000 of them Arizonans — were stolen in a Dec. 14 burglary of TriWest.

"I am not aware of a larger case, but at this point we don't know if any people have experienced identity theft," said Betsy Broader, assistant director of the Federal Trade Commission's division of planning and information.

Paul K. Charlton, U.S.

attorney for the district of Arizona, said investigators are focusing on identity theft as one of a number of possible motives for the burglary.

"I think the safest thing for us to do is to approach this case as one in which we attempt to protect the names and identities of the 500,000 individuals who are out there," Charlton said.

Authorities set up a special telephone number, 1-800-343-8477, so anyone with information can anonymously report what they know about the theft, Charlton said. He refused to discuss details of the break-in, where security lapsed or why it took two days for anyone to discover.

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Biloxi may add more restrictions near base

Keesler fears sprawl, potential for fatalities

By TOM WILEMON
THE SUN HERALD

BILOXI - Biloxi may impose new restrictions on land uses and buildings near Keesler Air Force Base.

The Biloxi Planning Commission heard the new proposals Thursday for the first time. Brig. Gen. Michael W. Peterson, commander of the 81st Training Wing at Keesler, requested the restrictions to protect the base from encroachment and to lessen the potential for civilian fatalities in the event of a crash.

Biloxi and other communities throughout the U.S. are using zoning laws to try to shield military installations from being smothered by development and protect them from a second round of base closings scheduled for 2005.

The restrictions in Biloxi would be tied to maps that designate zones with accident potential and noise contours. Areas within the city of D'Iberville on the other side of the base's main runway also lie within these zones.

The new proposals would prohibit residences, hotels, condominiums, libraries, schools and medical offices within accident-potential zones. Several hotels and other businesses that already are located in the areas would be grandfathered.

Buildings in areas affected by aircraft noise would be required to have structural sound buffers. Possibilities include double-paned windows, extra gypsum board and insulated ceilings.

Britt Singletary, a Biloxi lawyer whose clients include developers, questioned whether the building restrictions are necessary. Calling jet noise the "sound of freedom," Singletary said it is something people would become accustomed to.

"Has anybody asked developers how it will increase construction costs if you put this in?" he said.

A similar requirement near Las Vegas increased construction costs in some instances by 20 percent, Singletary said.

"Somebody better make sure developers and Realtors understand it," Singletary said. "If you're going to do it, let's do it up and down the railroad tracks, too... I don't know if we're making a mountain out of a molehill and we're going to increase the cost of construction."

Bryan Shotts, a retired lieutenant general who serves on the Planning Commission, said the city needs to enact some long-term protections for the base. He said he knew of two military installations that had closed because of noise complaints from urban areas.

Mayor A.J. Holloway sat in on the discussions but made no comments.

"The next thing you know, the mayor is saying you got to change your flight patterns - I know you wouldn't do that, A.J.," Shotts said. "I know of two places there that has happened."

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When Air Force parents fly solo, center aids family

By Kelly Ettenborough
The Arizona Republic

When your husband or wife, your mom or dad, is on the other side of the world, you need a little extra help. When you've left behind your family to serve your country, you just want to make sure everything is OK at home.

The Family Support Center at Luke Air Force Base understands and reaches out to the families year-round, not just at the holidays, to help them stay connected and adjust to being apart.

"There's so many things you don't realize that someone else does. What day is trash day? Where is the fuse box?" said Tech. Sgt. Nancy Dreessen, whose husband, Tech. Sgt. Carl Dreessen, is in Korea for a year. "He feels a lot more comfortable."

The programs, funded by donations, offer everything from a free oil change to family parties to counseling.

Luke Air Force Base has about 5,500 military personnel and 2,500 government civilian employees. Typically, 350 to 400 men and women are away at any given time on assignments that last from three months to a year.

"Prior to the '60s, the majority of our military population was single. The Air Force now is mostly a married population and because of that, a greater focus on our families and family issues is required," said Master Sgt. Cory Carmichael, superintendent of the center, which opened in 1982.

The spouse away can focus on the mission. The family members at home know they will be able to stay in touch, through free phone calls, and will have extra support. The emergency help line is on 24 hours a day.

"The Family Support Center motto is 'We're never the wrong place to go,'" Carmi-

chael said.

In December, the families went ice skating and ate pizza. On Halloween, before the trick-or-treating party, Carmichael took digital photos of the children in their costumes. The next day, when their moms and dads checked their e-mail on the other side of the world, a photo of their child was there.

Dreessen and her children, 8-year-old Travis and 6-year-old Darla, especially appreciate the videophone, which is used on special occasions and allows callers to see each other. The children bring in school papers to show dad.

"Of course, they only bring in the ones they got the good grades on," she said.

The most popular services are the car care, which offers a free oil change and a safety inspection, and the morale calls. Families can talk for free on military lines for 15 minutes twice a week. Families without home computers have access to computers on base.

Second Lt. Jeff Clark recently spent three months stationed in Qatar. His wife used the morale calls and the car care.

"Just to be able to hear each other's voice helps a lot," he said. "E-mail is just a way of keeping in touch, but it's kind of impersonal."

The center teaches what's normal and not normal leading up to the absence, during the absence and after the homecoming. It also offers support groups and counseling to help families adjust.

Carmichael's wife was gone for three months when their children were 2 and 3 years old, so he can relate. It's part of the mission, he said, but helping the families cope helps everyone.

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WWII ace Joe Foss dies at 87

Medal of Honor recipient led a storied life



Joe Foss

By Anne Ryman
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SCOTTSDALE — Joe Foss, a decorated war hero, former South Dakota governor, first commissioner of the American Football League and past president of the National Rifle Association, died Wednesday in Scottsdale. He was 87.

Foss, a longtime Paradise Valley and Scottsdale resident, never regained consciousness after suffering an aneurysm in October.

A prominent World War II hero, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt personally awarded him the Medal of Honor in 1943 after the Marine fighter pilot shot down 26 Japanese planes during the battle for Guadalcanal.

Life magazine put Foss on the cover of its June 7, 1943, issue, calling him "America's No. 1 Ace."

"With him, it was God, family and country. He lived by that," said his stepson, Dean Hall, 62, of Scottsdale.

In his later years, he was a popular speaker on patriotism and leadership at schools, conven-

tions and National Rifle Association events.

"He was really a fine person because people could trust him to get the job done. He was dedicated to whatever he did," said Bob Corbin, former Arizona attorney general and a friend for two decades.

Joseph Jacob Foss was born on April 17, 1915, on a farm near Sioux Falls, S.D. He once said his

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love for flying dated back to when he attended an air show in Sioux Falls, S.D., at age 12 that featured aviator Charles A. Lindbergh.

But the road to becoming a pilot was not easy.

A month before Joe's 18th birthday, his father was electrocuted by a downed power line in a lightning storm. The teenager had to help his mother and his brother, Cliff, work the farm. Working at odd jobs, he managed to scrape together enough money to afford flying lessons and graduate from the University of South Dakota with a bachelor's degree in business administration at age 24.

Seeking a chance to fly, he joined the Marines and won his wings in March 1941, nine months before the United States entered the war. On Oct. 9, 1942, he landed his Wildcat on Guadalcanal at the southern end of the Solomons, the setting for the first U.S. land offensive in the Pacific.

The 1st Marine Division had gone ashore on Aug. 7, 1942, to seize a partly built airstrip that was later renamed Henderson Field. In October, the Marines were hanging onto the strip in the face of fierce Japanese efforts to retake the island and use it as a staging point to attack Australia, 1,600 miles to the south.

Flying out of Henderson Field over the next three months, Foss and his fliers, a band known as "Foss' Flying Circus" for its acrobatic maneuvers, played a major role in defending Guadalcanal.



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Joe Foss in 1964, when he was American Football League commissioner.

Foss shot down 26 Japanese planes, earning a distinction as the first fighter pilot to break the 1918 aerial record of Eddie Rickenbacker, who shot down 25 German planes in World War I.

In May 1943, Foss was called back to Washington, D.C., to lead the campaign for U.S. War Bonds. In addition to the Medal of Honor, the highest honor for valor in the United States, he received a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He also earned the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Returning to South Dakota, he ran the Joe Foss Flying Service and organized the South Dakota Air National Guard.

He soon found his way into politics.

A Republican, Foss served in the South Dakota Legislature for five years before becoming, at 39, the youngest governor in the history of the state in 1955. He served two two-year terms.

In November 1959, the club owners who were forming the American Football League selected Foss as commissioner, hoping that his contacts in Washington could help them in an anticipated struggle with the long-established National Football League.

As commissioner, Foss indulged his lifelong passion for hunting and fishing as host of *The American Sportsman* on ABC.

Foss resigned as AFL commissioner on April 1966. Less than two months later, the league announced plans to merge with the NFL.

Foss turned to television again, appearing on his syndicated series *The Outdoorsman: Joe Foss* from 1966 to 1974. The programs drew criticism from environmentalists and advocates of animal rights.

He encountered controversy again as president of the National Rifle Association from 1988 to 1990.

On Jan. 29, 1990, he appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine with a pistol in his hand.

"I say all guns are good guns," he told *Time* for its article on gun control. "There are no bad guns. I say the whole nation should be an armed nation. Period."

Friend Todd Rathner, 37, of Tucson said among NRA board members only the actor Charlton Heston outshone him in terms of celebrity.

"He had a great sense of what America is all about, and how precious our freedoms are, and how important it is to fight for them every day, in every way you can,"

said Sandy Froman, 52, of Tucson, second vice president of the NRA.

Foss found himself unexpectedly in the news last February when Sky Harbor security guards pulled him aside, in part, because he was carrying his Medal of Honor and someone thought the star-shaped award could be used as a weapon.

He also had two dummy bullets in his pockets. One was a hollowed bullet on a key chain. The other was a piece of silver metal molded into the shape of a bullet and given to him by Heston.

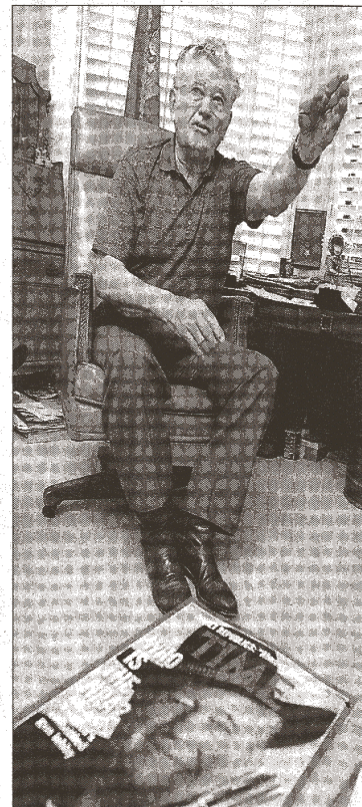
Security guards agreed to let Foss mail the key chain home to himself, but confiscated his "silver bullet."

Foss was visiting Beaverton, Mich., in October when he suffered an aneurysm. He had planned to give a speech in support of his great-nephew, Justin Misher, who had applied to attend the U.S. Military Academy. He was later moved from a hospital in Michigan to Scottsdale where he and his wife lived.

Foss is survived by his wife, DiDi; son Frank Foss of Mankato, Minn.; daughter, Mary Joe Finke, of Billings, Mont.; and stepdaughter Connie Foss. Funeral arrangements are pending at Scottsdale Bible Church.

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Foss at his Scottsdale home in 1995. The World War II fighter ace and Medal of Honor recipient was also the National Rifle Association president from 1988 to 1990. In 1990, he appeared on the cover of *Time* magazine with a pistol in his hand.

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Couple retires from base after 66 years

ALTUS AIR FORCE BASE, Okla.--"Helping people is our passion," said Weldon T. Holt, or "Tim," as he's more commonly known.

He and his wife Loretta have spent a combined 66 years doing just that, helping people. But now, it's time for something different. They will both retire from their civil service careers Jan. 3. He's the transition assistance program manager at the family support center, and she's a medical clerk in the central appointment section of the 97th Medical Operations Squadron. Tim served 23 years of Air Force active duty and another 23 years in civil service, while Loretta has been a civil service employee for 20 years, making a grand total of 66 years.

Tim said, "After we've traveled around the world, we'll return to Altus because this is our home, and the people of Altus are a part of our family."

After retiring from the military, Tim earned his master's degree in education and guidance counseling from Southwestern

Oklahoma State because he wanted to help people with their career goals. Before taking the position as the transition assistance program manager, he was the education counselor technician assistant for several years.

"Education is very important to me as well as keeping people informed about their rights," he said. As the TAP manager, Tim has been able to do all that he had hoped. He works closely with military personnel who are separating or retiring from the Air Force to make sure they're fully aware of their benefits and are capable of getting a job in the civilian sector.

Tim provides workshops on veteran's disability benefits, job assistance, the G.I. Bill, and educational options.

"When people are separating from the military, it's my responsibility to make sure they have the tools needed to survive. Helping people become more informed about their benefits and entitlements is important to me."

Initially working in the

medical records section, Loretta moved into her current position in 1989. She said she's looking forward to using her free time for her hobbies, such as cross-stitching, walking and traveling.

She said, "Tim and I are get-up-and-go people. There're many things to see, and we truly enjoy and learn a lot from our experiences."

In the meantime, Loretta said she enjoys helping people with their appointments, and it makes her happy to know they'll be taken care of. "It's been a very good experience for me to be able to talk to people and help them with their problems. I wouldn't change this experience for anything."

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Both the Holts said they'll miss their co-workers and the Altus AFB community, but at the same time, they're happy to be able to travel and spend time with their family. They have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Giving a combined 66 years to the Air Force and civil service, the Holts have touched the lives of many people in the Altus community. Their dedication to their work and the people they served are not likely to be forgotten.

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Vance AFB OK



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A new ordinance governing airspace for Vance Air Force Base will be discussed during the Enid City Commission study session Tuesday.

The ordinance was created by the city commission in 1988. The Airfield Environs Overlay District has two purposes - to protect the airspace around Vance and to protect the citizens and property owners from any damages relating to the base. The ordinance provides guidance on uses compatible with airfield accident hazards and noise exposure areas. The ordinance was based on studies with the Air Force. New standards have been recommended for the area, and those also will be discussed.

The ordinance is scheduled for consideration by Metropolitan Area Planning Commission Monday night.

A public hearing will be held on the ordinance during the commission meeting Tuesday.

City department heads have made a list of planned accomplishments for 2003, and the commission also will discuss those.

A memo from City Manager Bill Gamble to the commissioners outlined the plans. Among them, Gamble wants to complete his conversion of the city work force into one that is productive and accountable.

He also wants to complete technical changes in data processing and accounting changes in finance and educate and gain support from the new mayor and commissioners in May toward prioritizing fiscal responsibility and rebuilding and maintaining the city's infrastructure.

Director of Development Services Robert Hitt listed completion and adoption of a revised comprehensive land use plan, review of construction standards and expansion of street inspection and maintenance programs to include local streets and airport as priorities.

During the meeting, OG&E electric services will make its \$100,000 annual payment to the city for economic development.

OG&E also will present a check for \$5,000 for lights at David Allen Memorial Ballpark. The payment is part of the franchise agreement, in addition to the \$100,000, for the ballpark maintenance and upkeep. The payments are part of OG&E's commitment to the community, said John Little, community affairs manager for OG&E.

OG&E remits a 3 percent franchise fee, based on revenue to the city.

Tuesday's check will be through a special agreement made when the last franchise was approved. The company will pay \$100,000 for economic development for 15 years. This is the sixth payment made by that agreement.

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